

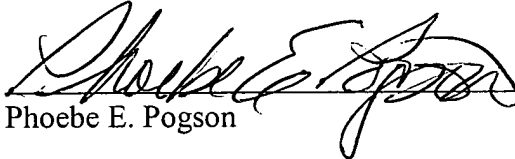


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Confirmation No. : 4891

Applicant : Maurice B. Harding, Jr.

Attorney Docket No.: 501005.01 (29988/US)

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Sir:

Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a three-month extension of time for filing the response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2003, from November 20, 2003, to February 20, 2004. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$640, which includes \$475 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.